(Value in Rs. Crores) (Qty in Millions)

S.N.	Category	1997-88		1998-99	
		Value	Qty	Value	Qty
1.	Finished leather	1099.44	234.03 Sq. ft.	1131.64	223.09 Sq. ft
2.	Leather footwear	1047.67	28.13 pairs	1238.38	26.27 pairs
3.	Footwear components	893.72	41.38 pairs	1040.03	37.82 pairs
4.	Leather garments	1580.27	6.79 pieces	1572.82	6.30 pieces
5.	Leather goods incl. harness & saddlery	1214.30	52.82 pieces	1598.61	62.70 pieces
6.	Leather gloves	321.63	47.43 pairs	374.28	65.04 pairs
	TOTAL:	6157.06		6955.77	

There is no export of unfinished leather from India.

Percentage of export of agricultural Produce

†306. SHRI BALWANT SINGH RAMOOWALIA:
SHRI KAPIL SIBAL:

Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the percentage of export of agricultural produce to the total export of the country has been decreasing continuously in the recent years;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor;

(c) if not, the percentage of export of agricultural produce to the total export in 1996-97, 1997-98 and 1998-99;

(d) whether it is also a fact that wheat, rice, cotton, sugar, pulses, edible oil have been imported on a large scale in the first ten months of 1998-99 and 1999-2000; and

(e) if so, the quantity of each produce imported during the aforesaid period?

THE MINISTER OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY (SHRI MURASOLI MARAN): (a) to (c) International trade in agricultural commodities is dependent on prevailing international demand coinciding with domestic ability to supply, prevailing world prices of commodities, varieties being traded and consumer

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preferences. The value of agro items exported excluding marine products, tea, coffee, castor oil and cotton during the last three years is as below:

1997-98	Rs. 15169 crores	April—Oct. (1997-98)	Rs. 7457.58 crores
1998-99	Rs. 15960 crores	April—Oct. (1998-99)	Rs. 8712.62 crores
		April—Oct. (1999-2000)	Rs. 7202.78 crores

The country's total exports and agricultural exports (in terms of value Rs. in crores) and the percentage share of export of agricultural products to total exports during the last four years is as under :—

Export of Agricultural Products

Year	Country's total exports (Rs. in Crores)	Agricultural exports (Rs. in Crores)	% share of agricultural exports against country's total exports
1995-96	106353.35	17496.40	16.45
1996-97	118817.31	24362.57	20.50
1997-98	126285.76	23798.37	18.80
1998-99	141604	25225	17.81

(d) and (e) The import policy of the Government is primarily based on augmentation of domestic supplies to meet the local requirements and providing inputs at reasonable price to the processors/manufacturers of food items. The quantity of wheat, rice, cotton, sugar, pulses, edible oil during the 1998-99 and 1999-2000 is as below :

Quantity (in Tonnes)

Commodity	1998-99 (April-March)	1999-2000 (April-Nov.)	1998-99 (April-Nov.)
Wheat	134692	688317	1317520
Rice	6213	2190	5907
Cotton Raw & Waste	55523	120858	43340
Sugar	857691	884024	668852
Pulses	312744	137339	431215
Edible oil	2378566	3290094	1882417